

Clinton budget allows for more training, equipment

Daniel Richardson

The Clinton City Council passed the city's budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16 with an emergency ordinance at their June 1 meeting, avoiding the requirement for a second reading before the ordinance could be voted on and passed as law.

While the budget is similar, or even identical in many categories, to the prior year's budget, the new administration's priorities, under newly elected Mayor Phyllis Campbell are evident in certain categories, with more

money allotted for police training and salaries, and more equipment for the street department. While the budgeted amounts for several items decreased, the most money was freed up by a 42 percent reduction in phone and utilities expenses. Campbell said that within the past few months, an auditor had come and discovered that the city had been paying tax on its phone and utility payments. Municipalities are tax exempt, so the tax on the utilities should not have been paid. She also said the city saved a lot of money on its phone bill by switching to a

different provider for long-distance service. The two changes resulted in a \$18,600 annual savings, according to the budgeted amounts.

An estimation of rising property values by the Hickman County PVA brought the projected property tax revenue up \$4,000, or seven percent from last year's, and road fund income is projected at \$5,800 higher, or nine percent higher than last year's \$64,200. With other income categories staying the same or with only nominal changes, these two items brought the budgeted income up \$9,800 from last

year's budgeted income of \$534,400, an increase of less than two percent, to \$544,200. A chart comparing the budgets is on page 8 of this issue.

In the administrative expense category, administrative salaries were increased to \$50,000 from \$43,000 last year. The amount budgeted for office supplies went up 453 percent from \$2,500 to \$13,833. Mayor Campbell said the additional \$11,300 budgeted this year is to buy new computers and a new printer at City Hall.

Budgeted salaries for police went up from \$137,000 last year to \$148,984.

Campbell said the increase in salaries is for regular pay raises and the city-paid portion of a fifth officer if the fifth officer grant is received. The grant, which the Clinton Police Department has applied for, will pay 75 percent of a fifth officer's salary for the next three years. If the grant is awarded, the addition of a fifth officer will allow for 24-hour police protection without forcing overtime.

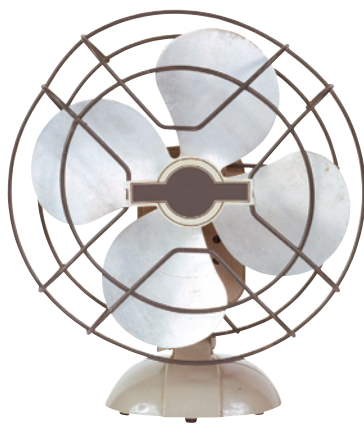
The budget for training and travel meals for police also increased from

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FIELD FIRE - Emergency management personnel work to contain a field fire last Tuesday on St. Rt. 2206. With temperatures approaching triple-digits, field fires are more common as summer progresses. Sunday, June 21, was the official first day of summer. See tips to prevent heat-related illness on page 2.

Photo by Daniel Richardson



Mission House launching 'Beat the Heat' campaign

With Sunday marking the official beginning to summer, it's getting hot, and Tina McAuliffe, director of the Mission House in Clinton, has decided to do something to help families in need with cooling their homes. With temperatures forecast in the 90s all week this week, McAuliffe has launched a local "Beat the Heat" campaign, similar to programs in neighboring counties.

"We've already had several families come in that have no air conditioning," McAuliffe said Monday. She is asking the public to donate cooling equipment like box fans that will be given to families in need. The Mission House will accept new or gently used fans, window air-conditioning units, or anything to help cool a home. Donations can be dropped off at the Mission House on West Clay Street or West Kentucky Allied Service, located in the back of the Mission House building.

Mid-Continent University plans to sell campus

Leaders of the bankrupt and shuttered Mid-Continent University plan to put the campus up for sale, according to a recent reports by the Messenger Inquirer and The Paducah Sun.

Reports stated that the university's attorney Mark Whitlow told a judge in bankruptcy court on Thursday that the university intends to list the property for sale.

The campus, which is located north of Mayfield, includes the university's academic and dormitory buildings.

The university's vice president of finance and administration Tim Walker says the school's board will need to vote to put the campus on the market at a Tuesday, June 23 meeting.

The university, which closed one year ago, owes money to around 300 creditors and has previous faculty and staff members to which it owes payments for the 2013-14 school year.

School leaders plan to repay those debts by collecting payments on student debts.

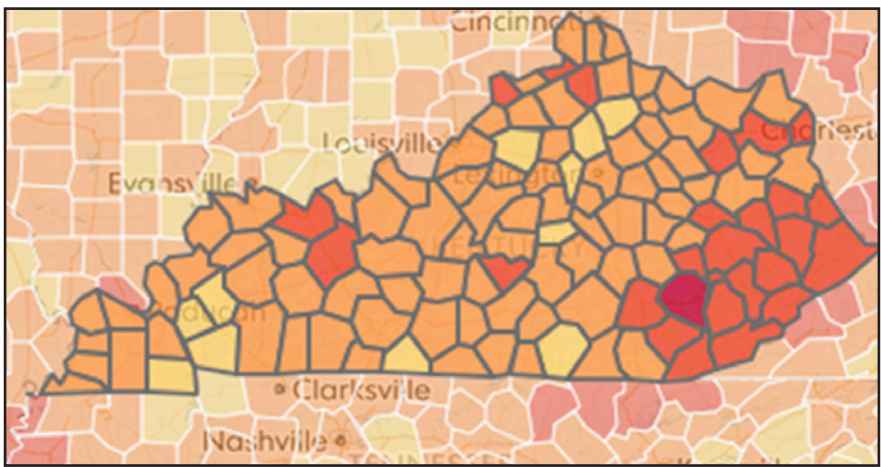
Hickman County seniors healthier than most

Kentucky has ten counties ranked among the top 50 in the nation for percentage of seniors with six or more chronic conditions, according to research analysis by the USA Today and The Courier-Journal, but thankfully, Hickman County is not one of them.

Hickman County has 645 senior citizens on traditional Medicare. Of those seniors, 70 percent have two or more chronic conditions, but only 15 percent have six or more chronic conditions, making it one of the healthier counties in the Commonwealth for seniors. Those seniors with six or more chronic conditions account for around \$2 million annually in Medicare spending, or 40 percent of

the \$5 million in Medicare spending in Hickman County. In Clay County, by contrast, 27 percent of senior citizens on traditional Medicare have six or more chronic conditions. Clay County is the highest ranking county in Kentucky for percentage of seniors with six or more chronic conditions, and ranked 12th in the nation. The following nine of Kentucky's top ten all rank in the top 50 nationwide.

Hickman County is ranked 99th in Kentucky (with 120 being the best), and in the Purchase Area only follows Calloway County, who has the state's second lowest percentage of elderly with six or more chronic conditions, at only 13 percent, behind Woodford County.



This graphic shows the link between geography and senior health, with darker red signifying poorer health conditions, and the lighter areas signifying healthier seniors.

Neighboring group pushing for bridge to Missouri

Charlotte Smith

Members of the Mississippi County Industrial Development Authority (MCIDA) say now is the time to band together.

"Now is the time for a hard push from both Missouri and Kentucky to make this project happen," stated Betty Hearnese, President of the MCIDA, former state representative and former First Lady of the state of Missouri. "We have been talking about this for 10 years now and nothing has happened."

Realizing that talk is cheap and time is ticking, the MCIDA has created a Facebook page - Ky2Mo: The Bridge, seeking support for this movement. "We feel that with numbers behind us, the powers that be in Washington DC will listen," stated Karen Teeters. "The bridges between Wickliffe and Cairo, Ill.,

and Mississippi County, Mo., are old. Their useful life is coming to a close. We need a direct land link."

Their current proposal is to construct a bridge from Ballard County (Hwy 60) to Mississippi Co. (Hwy 62). "Any direct link between the two states would be logical to tie the states together, no matter where the bridge is built," added Hearnese.

Crossing the Mississippi River from Mississippi County to Wickliffe at that point is only .38 a mile. "It is the most narrow point," Kenny George, Jr. further stated.

George, a third member of the HCIDA board and also a board member for the Dorena-Hickman Ferry, sees it as a win-win-situation. "It won't affect the ferry which crosses from Dorena to Hickman on a daily basis," he said. "It would remain in operation because it is associated with Homeland Security."

Ultimately the voices of MCIDA propose to kill two birds with one stone. "If we build a bridge connecting the (Mississippi County) Port to Wickliffe, it provides our Port with access to rail," explained George. "We would be one mile from the rail at Wickliffe to assist the moving containers once they come through our Port." The other option, which might not be realistic, is to connect to the nearest rail in Missouri at New Madrid, which is 40 miles away and would cost \$1 million a mile to build.

The economic impact would breathe new life into the Mississippi County Port, which currently has 268 acres to work with and a 99-year lease. "We are looking to create jobs," said George.

The movement seems to be catching on as Facebook users from both Missouri and Kentucky are

getting on board quickly. The page was created on Tuesday, June 2 and less than 24 hours later, almost 600 people had liked the page, grabbing a wider audience. As of Monday, June 22, they surpassed 1,200 likes on their Facebook page.

"You don't get attention when you are small," said Teeters. "You build a ground swell with numbers."

Kentuckians are also in favor of this current bridge movement, but many who reside in Hickman and Fulton County, would like to see it built at Hickman. It is approximately 1-1/2 miles from the Wepfer Marine landing to the ferry landing at Dorena, Mo. From south of the No. 8 Island to New Madrid, it is approximately 1 mile.

"This would be such a great asset for Kentucky and Missouri," stated

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We want to hear from you!

If you have a question, comment, or complaint about something you saw in *The Hickman County Gazette*, or a suggestion, we'd love to hear from you!

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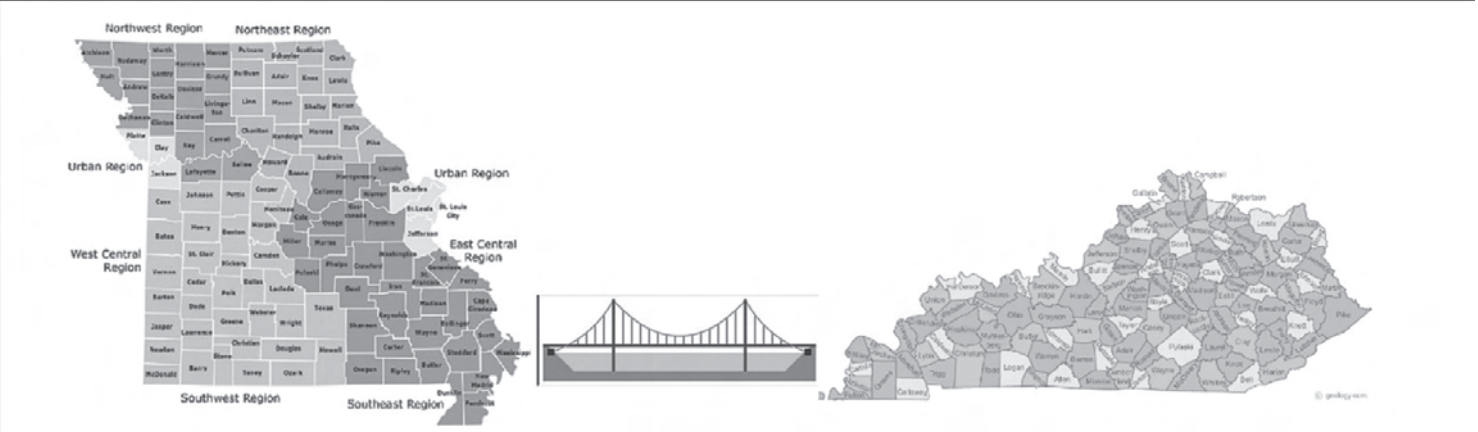
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Bridge From Pg. 1

Jeff Johnson. Hickman City Commissioner David Weatherly added, “This is something we should get behind 110%. If it was built at Hickman it would transform our town.”

“This is a wonderful idea and honestly has had some discussions in the past,” contributed Eddie Crittendon, Fulton County/Hickman County Economic Development Partnership Executive Director. “I would support this 100%. You are right, Hickman would explode with new business and investment.”

Fulton County Judge/Executive Jim Martin suggests that the new bridge be located at a crossing point that makes more economic and logistical sense, not emotion of location but also realizes it is worth it to all involved to explore all available options. “The two states need to collaborate on a detailed economic impact analysis for the best location. I think a bridge between Mississippi County and Ballard County makes a lot of sense but so does a bridge between New Madrid County and Fulton County,”

he said. “A Hickman crossing would put the bridge at the mid-point between Cairo and Dyersburg, which are about 66 miles apart and that makes good logistical reasoning.”

On the other hand, looking at the economic reasoning side, it will require in-depth analysis. “A Hickman crossing would provide an opportunity to tie three river ports together in New Madrid, Hickman and Tiptonville in addition it would also tie everyone in to I-69 and CN rail in Union City, Tenn,” added Martin. “A crossing at No. 8 Island might also offer a cheaper construction option since the span can be supported by No. 8 Island instead of man-made piers in the middle of the river.”

“I hope it can get some traction,” added another Hickman resident Robert Griggs. “I believe it would be a safer route and closer to I-69 to be able to cross at Hickman than it would crossing at Cairo, Ill. Plus, a bridge would attract business and industry for both Missouri and Kentucky.”

MCIDA suggested the bridge be built at Wickliffe, but the group has stated they are open to constructing

anywhere the two states come together.

Currently, Kentucky and Missouri are the only two border-states not linked by a bridge or land route.

Judge Martin would like to see Hickman and New Madrid make their case for the crossing here but be willing to support the ultimate location chosen so long as it is based on engineering and economics and not politics.

“I think leadership in Hickman and New Madrid should have a discussion concerning this issue and assist in the process of choosing a location,” further stated Martin. “This has been discussed many times over several decades and the reality of a bridge is a long way off but if there is to be a bridge built sometime in the future we must plan for it now. I think leadership in Fulton County and New Madrid County has the same reasonability as in Mississippi County and Ballard County and that is to put our communities in a competitive position to benefit from this opportunity.”

Earlier it was noted that talks about constructing a bridge began 10 years

ago and Kentucky gave up on the project. Currently, Kentucky’s plan is to replace or rehabilitate the US 51 Bridge connecting Wickliffe to Cairo. “We are concerned about that proposal because the road between Wickliffe and that bridge sits atop a backset levee that has had problems with washing out and flooding,” said Teeters. “If a new bridge is constructed in our proposed location it would eliminate the need for this road that has problems and would instead connect our Port with Wickliffe coming in near the cross. The important point isn’t where the bridge is built, but that it is built.”

The estimated cost including construction, plans, design, right-of-way and utilities is \$236.2 million dollars for the US 51 Bridge project, (found online, titled “US 51 Bridge Project KYTC Item No. 1-100.00 & 1-1140.00 January 2014) proposed by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in 2014.

Don’t let your elementary school child get caught on the slide this summer

That’s the summer READING slide

If you’re a kid who has finished kindergarten through fifth grade, come join us in July to stay off that slide!

Come to **HTST-Look Wider!**, this summer’s fun reading events at the Hickman County Library on Thursdays in July.

HTST invites kids to Hear, Taste, See, and Touch, this year looking wider than their own everyday experience to explore different cultures and family traditions.

Look for this grinning opossum on HTST-Look Wider! Posters around town, see hand-outs at the library, or call Cherry Pyron, 270-627-0907, for more information.

Teachers and librarians know that kids can slide as much as a full grade level during the summer if they aren’t reading



while school is out.

“And we are continuing Hickman County Elementary’s special June reading events,” county librarian Laura Poole said, “to help our community’s children stay off that slide!”

HTST-Look Wider! starts Thursday, July 2, at 9 a.m. at the county library and ends on Thursday, July 30, at HCES for a head start on AR tests for the coming school year.

Summer brings changes to Hickman County Library

Come see the changes that librarian Laura Poole and volunteers have made at the Hickman County Library.

“For our youngest readers,” Poole said, “we’ve put all the books into groups by subject, holidays, natural world, family, friends, to make looking for your books easier.

“And middle school readers, you’ll find that our books now have Accelerated Reader (AR) labels so you can target books for testing during the school year,” she said.

And adults don’t get left out of the excitement.

“We’ve accepted some great donated books this year, many of them very current,” Poole said, “and we’re getting them on special shelves so readers can choose them as well as reading from our permanent stacks.

“We call these donated books ‘New-To-Us’,” Poole said, “and they’re shelved just past the card catalog.” Books are both fiction as well as non-fiction titles, ranging from Miss Peregrine’s

Home for Peculiar Children (read it before the movie comes out in 2016!) to Peter Jenkins’ to Walk Across America.

Library funds are used to purchase brand-new books published within each year, labeled “Just Published,” and those books are located on shelves reserved in the second reading room.

Changes can be seen both inside and outside the library. Crisp Tree Service cut several damaged trees in the library’s east yard last week, and “The men did such a great job clearing and cleaning, you may not be able to tell where they worked!” Poole said.

The library is open Tuesday through Friday afternoons, 2 until 5 o’clock, and Saturday mornings from 9:30 until 12:30. “Books are checked out for two weeks, you can check out up to four new selections each time, and returning books you’ve read is the insurance that protects your free use of our library,” Poole said. “So, come see our changes!”

Allen, Harpole among UK Dean’s List honorees

LEXINGTON, Ky. (June 18, 2015) – The University of Kentucky has released its Dean’s List for the Spring 2015 semester. A total of 6,001 students were recognized for their outstanding academic performance.

The two Hickman County natives on the list were Alex Allen, son of Mike and Lori Allen, and Ryan Harpole, son of Mark and Marcia Harpole. Allen is a senior at UK and his major is Agricultural Economics. Harpole is a sophomore Agricultural Biotechnology major.

To make a Dean’s List in one of the UK colleges, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.6 or higher and must have earned 12 credits or more in that semester, excluding credits earned in pass-fail classes. Some UK colleges require a 3.5 GPA to make the Dean’s List.

Tips for Preventing Heat-Related Illness

The best defense is prevention. Here are some prevention tips:

- Drink more fluids (nonalcoholic), regardless of your activity level. Don’t wait until you’re thirsty to drink. Warning: If your doctor generally limits the amount of fluid you drink or has you on water pills, ask him how much you should drink while the weather is hot.
- Don’t drink liquids that contain alcohol or large amounts of sugar—these actually cause you to lose more body fluid. Also, avoid very cold drinks, because they can cause stomach cramps.
- Stay indoors and, if at all possible, stay in an air-conditioned place. If your home does not have air conditioning, go to the shopping mall or public library—even a few hours spent in air conditioning can help your body stay cooler when you go back into the heat. Call your local health department to see if there are

any heat-relief shelters in your area.

- Electric fans may provide comfort, but when the temperature is in the high 90s, fans will not prevent heat-related illness. Taking a cool shower or bath, or moving to an air-conditioned place is a much better way to cool off.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.
- NEVER leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle.
- Although any one at any time can suffer from heat-related illness, some people are at greater risk than others. Check regularly on:
 - Infants and young children
 - People aged 65 or older
 - People who have a mental illness
 - Those who are physically ill, especially with heart disease or high blood pressure
- Visit adults at risk at least twice a day and closely watch them for signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Infants and young children, of course, need much more

frequent watching.

If you must be out in the heat:

- Limit your outdoor activity to morning and evening hours.
- Cut down on exercise. If you must exercise, drink two to four glasses of cool, nonalcoholic fluids each hour. A sports beverage can replace the salt and minerals you lose in sweat. Warning: If you are on a low-salt diet, talk with your doctor before drinking a sports beverage. Remember the warning in the first “tip” (above), too.
- Try to rest often in shady areas.
- Protect yourself from the sun by wearing a wide-brimmed hat (also keeps you cooler) and sunglasses and by putting on sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher (the most effective products say “broad spectrum” or “UVA/UVB protection” on their labels).

Templetons to celebrate 50th anniversary

The public is invited to a 50th wedding anniversary celebration in honor of Janie and Tommie Templeton. The celebration will be held Sunday, June 28, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the New Harmony Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 73 Brent Rd., Clinton.

Ethel Jackson celebrating 98th birthday

Mrs. Ethel Jackson will be celebrating her 98th birthday on July.

Lets see how many birthday cards she can get!

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NEWS

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to express the school's appreciation to individuals, families, businesses and organizations that have provided annual scholarship opportunities for our students. Approximately \$42,000 worth of local scholarships were awarded to our seniors this year. This is remarkable considering how small our community is! We are truly blessed to live in such a caring, generous community.

Because we are such a small school and community, it is often difficult for our students to compete for scholarships at the state and national level. Therefore, our students rely mainly on our local scholarships for financial assistance. The school would like to encourage more individuals, families, businesses and organizations to establish scholarships to be

awarded to the students of their choice. Memorial scholarships are a great way for families to honor the memory of a loved one while at the same time helping make college possible for a student.

It is very rewarding to see the faces of these young people when they find out they have received a scholarship. It makes all of the effort worthwhile. Our students greatly appreciate your interest in and support of their educational endeavors. These students are the future of our county, and your involvement in their lives ensures a brighter future for this community.

Sincerely,
Amy Boaz
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What is next? We have had shootings at a theater, bombings at the Boston Marathon, planes flying into the World Trade Center, and most recently shootings at a church in one of the South's most historic and charming cities.

MY VIEW

DENNIS RICHARDSON

Dylann Roof, age 21 of Lexington, SC is charged with killing nine people at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church

Charleston Shooting

Wednesday night bible study. In fact, Roof was reportedly welcomed into the service and actively participated before pulling his .45 caliber handgun and shot most of those present. Eight died at the church. One died later.

Dylann is said to have told church members that "you've raped our women, and you are taking over the country ... I have to do what I have to do."

Although he reportedly told some eyewitnesses at the church that he was going to spare their lives so they could tell what happened after he killed himself, he fled and was found several hours away in North Carolina.

Why do people do these types of things?

I wonder if it would help if our justice system dealt with

violent crimes a little more quickly and a lot more harshly?

In the old days criminals were hung at sunrise in a public place for all to see. They didn't stay in cells for years, not even weeks.

In the Old Testament days they were also put to death.

I am for a fair trial, but not so many appeals that run up high attorney costs.

It seems the worst-case scenario today is that they sit on death row for years. Theater shooter James Holmes has sat in jail for two years and just now defense attorneys are pleading "not guilty" by reason of insanity.

I imagine Confederate soldier Tom (Dula) Dooley would have pled temporary insanity when he allegedly ran off with Laura Foster. He denied hurting the

girl who was one of the many who had fallen in love with him, even when her body was found in a shallow grave in Wilkes County, N.C. Dula was hanged and while standing on the gallows still proclaimed his innocence.

When criminals sit too long in jails, even if on death row, they have hope of someday being released while running up steep tabs of room and board. Over time people seem to forget about the heinous crimes.

What fear is there if the harshest punishment is years of free room and board?

What kind of deterrence is that?

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Traps to avoid after graduation

Dear Dave,
I'm currently a senior in college. I'm completely debt-free right now, and I am wondering what I should do to stay this way after graduation.

Cary
Dear Cary,
You're already primed for a great start.

DAVE SAYS

DAVE RAMSEY

Doesn't it feel great to know you won't have a bunch of payments hanging over your head when you walk out into the world? I'm really proud of you!

There are three major traps I tell all new graduates to avoid. One, don't buy or lease a new car. Save up and pay cash for your cars for the rest of your life. If you saved the amount of an average car payment — about \$485 a month — and put it into a good mutual fund from age 25 to 65, you could easily retire a millionaire. Now that's something to look forward to!

The second trap to avoid is rushing in to buy a house. The first few years after college will be some of the most volatile in your life in terms of career and relationships. Save up a big pile of cash and be patient. Too many young people today go crazy and buy houses they can't afford just because their friends bought one, or everyone is telling them it's what they should do.

Last, don't ever get caught up in the credit card trap. Your income is your greatest wealth-building tool, so why would you want to take a chance on wrecking your future by sending everything you make to some bank? Live on less than you make, and live by a written, monthly budget.

I think you've got a really bright future ahead, Cary. Just remember to have a plan, pile up some

cash and stay away from debt!

—Dave

Stay away from interest-only mortgages

Dear Dave,
Can you explain interest-only mortgages? Are they a good idea?

Dale
Dear Dale,
An interest-only mortgage is just what it sounds like. You're paying only the interest on the loan, and none of what you actually owe. It's a good way to stay in debt for the rest of your life, so they're not a good idea.

Lots of people look at this product and say, "Wow, I'll get a lower monthly payment, and then I can throw tons of cash at the principal." Guess what, in most cases it doesn't work out that way. Why not take out a good 15-year fixed rate mortgage and put a bunch of money toward the principal? Everyone thinks they have a great idea for tricking the system. But the only system that really works is to pay off debt as quickly as you can.

Interest-only mortgages are like adjustable rate mortgages and high fixed rate mortgages — they're good things to stay away from completely!

—Dave

* Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business. He has authored five New York Times best-selling books. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 8.5 million listeners each week on more than 550 radio stations. Dave's latest project, EveryDollar, provides a free online budget tool. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

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Galatians 2:17, 20; 3:22

We sometimes hear, "We are not saved by faith alone," and James 2:24 is quoted triumphantly as the last and only word on the subject.
It is perfectly true that we are not saved (made right with God) by an intellectual "faith" that merely affirms "There is one God." Islam has such a faith; most cults have such faith; James says the very demons believe this, and it does them more good than it does some! They tremble at the thought of a coming judgment when they shall be sent into an everlasting hell prepared for them (Matthew 25:41).
No, mental assent to monotheism is not salvation from our old sin nature into eternal life. And James, as Scripture, is perfectly true in his writing. In fact, if we take our prepositions seriously, we are not saved by (our) faith at all!
Ephesians 2:8-10 should make that clear to any reader of English, much less the even stronger Greek. "For by grace ye are being kept saved, through faith, and that (all) not of yourselves; it (salvation) is the gift of God, nor of works lest any one should boast" (Paraphrased).
Yet there is a faith that saves, and keeps.

Our older King James Bible is precise with the Greek in our three texts from *Galatians: saving faith is "the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ." Almost all later translations miss this; most translate it as "faith in our Lord Jesus Christ." But if my faith in Him is the basis of my salvation, then those who want to lose their salvation are correct, for my faith may falter.*
The faith that actually saves is exactly what Paul describes here, and in Romans 3:22 : "the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ!" For His faith, His faithfulness, His faith-keeping, will stand firm. "Even if we believe not, He abides faithful . . . " (II Timothy 1:13) If I could quit believing, it would not change His word.
Does all this mean that we do not exercise faith? Far from it! "...even we have believed into Jesus ...", Gal. 2:17, and the promise is to all who believe, Gal. 3:22. Yes, I believe; I believe "...He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." (II Tim. 2:12)

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LOCAL NEWS

Railroaders clench win in bottom of the ninth

David Whitesell

The Fulton Railroaders continued their 2015 season with wins over Owensboro and Dubois County this past week to improve the team's standing to second place in the Ohio Valley League. The Railroaders had a pair of games postponed due to rain that will be made up in doubleheaders this coming week. Fulton currently possesses a 9 – 7 record, placing them one-and-a-half games behind Dubois County, the top team in the league.

After the Jun. 16 contest at Hopkinsville was postponed due to rain, the Railroaders began their week with a home game against the Owensboro Oilers, a team Fulton had a 2 – 1 record against going in to Thursday's competition. Fulton managed to create a four-run lead over the Oilers after six innings, but Owensboro caught up with the Railroaders in the top of the ninth, forcing Fulton to battle fiercely in the bottom of the inning to hold on to their win.

Charlie Hecht (#17), who currently has the most innings pitched, most strikeouts, and lowest ERA for Fulton, pitched the first seven innings against Owensboro, during which he gave up just one earned run, while throwing six strikeouts.

Hecht struckout the first Oiler to start the game on the right foot, and then forced a groundout to Jacob Elliott (#8) on first. A fielding error and an earned hit put two Oilers on base before the fifth batter popped a ball to Drew Greenwood (#13) on third that was caught.

While Owensboro had trouble building offensive momentum for most of the game, the Railroaders had little difficulty in accumulating some early runs.

Griffin Neuer (#10) led off for Fulton Thursday night, and promptly pelted a single to left field. Neuer was followed by a double over second from Clay Reece (#2), and then a wild pitch during Brad Baldwin's (#3) time at the plate allowed Neuer to score and Reece to steal third. Baldwin went on to connect for a groundout RBI that sent Reece home to give Fulton a 2 – 0 lead going in to the second.

Hecht continued his domination at the mound in the second inning. The Georgia College and State thrower struckout one batter, and forced two groundout hits to Greenwood on third to return all three Oilers in quick order.

Kipp Moore (#15) was the only Railroader to get on base in the bottom of the second, keeping the score 2 – 0 going in to the third.

An earned double and a pair of fielding errors allowed the Oilers to tie the contest in the third inning. The first Owensboro batter hit a double to start the inning, and the second batter placed a bunt that was fielded with a bad throw to first, giving the Oilers two runners on base. A groundout RBI allowed the first to score, and then the second error allowed the second batter to steal home.

Fulton's offense was again silent in the bottom of the third, shifting the momentum of the game to Owensboro's favor in the top of the fourth.

Ty Broady was walked to start the fourth for Owensboro, and was batted forward to second on a sacrifice bunt. A wild pitch



Photos by David Whitesell

Drew Greenwood (#13) throws out an Oiler batter headed to first during Fulton's win over Owensboro Jun. 18.



Tyler Hilton (#12), Kipp Moore (#15), and Brad Baldwin (#3) return to a celebratory dugout following Moore's in-the-park-homerun during Thursday's win.

allowed Broady to take third while Hecht was collecting a strikeout, and then a single from Josh Wetzel allowed Broady to score and take the lead for the Oilers.

Fulton answered with a small offensive surge of their own that was spearheaded by Tyler Hilton (#12), who began the drive by being hit by a pitch. Two outs were put on the board before Hilton was joined by John Anderson (#19), and then a single from Elliott sent Hilton home to tie the game at 3 – 3.

Hecht managed to subdue the Oilers in the fifth by forcing two groundouts and picking off an Oiler on first. Fulton, though, had an outstanding fifth due to Owensboro's changing of pitchers.

Reece grounded out to start the drive, and he was followed by a single from Baldwin to left field. Kyle Uhrich (#21) sent a similar hit to left field that was caught to give Fulton two outs on the board, but that did not deter the Railroaders.

Hilton walked to join Baldwin, and then Moore blasted a hit that smacked the right field fence. When the hit was fielded, the Owensboro outfielder made a wild throw to second that allowed Hilton and Moore to keep on running. What should have been a single or a double turned in to an in-the-park homerun for Moore for three Railroader runs and a 6 – 3 lead going in to the sixth.

Fulton tacked on one more run in the sixth to give the team a solid four-run lead, and then the game went stagnant for the seventh and eighth innings, during which Fulton seemed poised to hold on to its lead and the win.

In the top of the

ninth, Kyle Ward (#6) was pitching for Fulton, and he started the inning strong by striking out the first batter. Ward then hit a batter, gave up a single, and lastly gave up an RBI-producing single before Pitching Coach Tyler Saltzman replaced Ward with Trey Tigart (#18), who promptly hit an Oiler batter and gave up a single for two RBIs, which was partly due to poor Railroader fielding.

Fulton's lead had quickly been reduced from four runs to one run in a few minutes. Tigart regained his composure and struckout the following batter to put two outs on the board, but Owensboro was not yet finished.

Two more singles and another Railroader error allowed the Oilers to collect three more runs for a two-run lead before the drive ended from a pop fly that was caught by Fulton.

Now down by two and with one final drive left in the game, Fulton had to play perfectly to at least tie the game, or else face forfeiting what should have been a fairly easy win.

Greenwood rose to the occasion and delivered a solo homerun to start the drive to reduce the lead to a single run, and then Anderson

was walked. Elliott's hit landed due to an Oiler error, and then both Anderson and Elliott advanced to third and second on a balk. Neuer, the top batter of the lineup, was intentionally walked to load the bases with no outs on the board.

Reece followed with a hit that resulted in a double play putting out both himself and Neuer, but which allowed Anderson to score to tie the game. Baldwin was next to bat, and the Oilers decided to walk him, giving Fulton two runners on base with two outs on the board and a tied game.

Uhrich, the fourth batter of the lineup, approached the plate and blasted a hit that sent Elliott home and clenched the win for the Railroaders.

Uhrich had the best game offensively for Fulton with three singles, including the game-winning hit in the bottom of the ninth. Hecht threw seven outstanding innings to start the game.

Fulton will continue its season with a game at Owensboro Jun. 24, a doubleheader at Madisonville Jun. 25, and a pair of home games Jun. 26 and 27 against Dubois County and Hopkinsville respectively.



Haley-Marie Ellegood was the recipient of the James H. Phillips Scholarship at the HCCHS Awards Night.



Erika Stairs received the Western Washington Achievement Award Scholarship at the Hickman County High School Awards Night.

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Property tax prior	1500	1500	0	0.0%
Franchise tax	70000	70000	0	0.0%
City payroll tax	77000	77000	0	0.0%
Motor Vehicle tax	12000	12000	0	0.0%
Omitted Tangible tax	1000	1000	0	0.0%
LGEA mineral service tax		25	25	NA
Occupational licenses	19000	19000	0	0.0%
State grants	9000	9000	0	0.0%
Police KLEPF reimbursement	12000	12000	0	0.0%
Fines	10500	10500	0	0.0%
Cemetery Revenue	175	175	0	0.0%
Other Revenue	28000	28000	0	0.0%
Gas transfer	150000	150000	0	0.0%
Interest Revenue	3000	3000	0	0.0%
Road Fund	64200	70000	5800	9.0%
Misc.	1000	1000	0	0.0%
Balance Forward	20000	20000	0	0.0%
TOTAL INCOME	534400	544200	9800	1.8%
Admin Salaries	43000	50000	7000	16.3%
Office Supplies	2500	13833	11333	453.3%
Other Supplies	500	500	0	0.0%
Training, Mileage, Meals	1500	1500	0	0.0%
Misc.	2500	565	-1935	-77.4%
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	50000	66448	16448	32.9%
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Police Salaries	137000	148984	11984	8.7%
Supplies	1000	500	-500	-50.0%
Repair and Maint.	3200	2000	-1200	-37.5%
Gas and Oil	10500	8500	-2000	-19.0%
Uniforms	500	500	0	0.0%
Training, meals	200	1200	1000	500.0%
Equipment	10000	8000	-2000	-20.0%
Misc.	500	500	0	0.0%
TOTAL POLICE	162900	170184	7284	4.5%
		0		
Street Salaries	39000	47798	8798	22.6%
Supplies	1500	1500	0	0.0%
Repair and Maint	1000	1000	0	0.0%
Uniforms	1000	1000	0	0.0%
Equipment	3000	7268	4268	142.3%
Misc.	3000		-3000	-100.0%
Highway and Street	40000	40000	0	0.0%
TOTAL STREETS	92000	102066	10066	10.9%
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Payroll Expense	18000	20000	2000	11.1%
Medical Plan Expense	40000	40000	0	0.0%
Saving Plan expense	2700	4000	1300	48.1%
Bonuses	800	900	100	12.5%
Payroll Deduction	9000	2700	-6300	-70.0%
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PVA fee	1500	1500	0	0.0%
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Dispatching Service	28000	28000	0	0.0%
Beautification	4000	5000	1000	25.0%
Social Services	8900	5400	-3500	-39.3%
Outside Services	2000	2000	0	0.0%
TOTAL MUNICIPAL P&E	129900	108800	-21100	-16.2%
TOTAL EXPENSES	534400	544200	9800	1.8%

Budget From Pg. 1

\$200 last year to \$1,200. Amounts for supplies, repairs and maintenance, gas and oil, and equipment went down \$500, \$1,200, \$2,000, and \$2,000, respectively. The total amount budgeted for the police department increased \$7,284, or 4.5 percent to \$170,184. Street salaries increased 22 percent from \$39,000 last year to \$47,798, a difference of \$8,798. Budgeted expense for equipment went up 142 percent from \$3,000 to \$7,268. Total street department budget increased \$10,066, or 11 percent, from last year. Budgeted amounts for executive and legislative expenses remained the same this year, with \$25,600 allocated for executive and legislative expense, and \$3,500 for travel and meetings. In Municipal Property and Equipment, the only three budget

items to change were phone and utilities, beautification, and social services. Telephone and utilities are down from \$44,000 last year to \$25,400 this year - a difference of \$18,600. Allocation for beautification

was raised from \$4,000 to \$5,000, a 25 percent increase, while the budgeted amount for social services dropped from \$8,900 to \$5,400, based off of the prior year's actual spending in the category.

Wild horses available for adoption

The U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will offer approximately 40 wild horses ranging from yearling to 5 years old to potential adopters on June 26-27, 2015, at the Golden Hills Trail Rides, located at 19546 Golden Drive, in Raymondville, Missouri. While the adoption process is simple and straightforward, anyone considering adoption of a wild horse should remember that the animals are wild and require gentling and training. Prospective adopters must have sturdy corrals that are 20' x 20' (or larger), at least 6 feet high for an adult horse and at least 5 feet high for horses younger than 18 months, and have a shelter directly attached to the corral. Adopters must provide a stock-type, step up trailer (ramps and side-by-side two-horse type trailers are not allowed). The Saturday adoption will be on a first come, first served basis. The animals can be previewed on Friday, June 26, from 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Adoption hours on Saturday, June 27, are from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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